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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): NAKAGAWA, et al.

Application No.: 10/076,420

Filed: February 19, 2002

For: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIA AND
MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS USING THE SAME

Group: 1773

Examiner: K. Bernatz

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 24, 2004

Sir:

The Interview Summary Form attached to the Notice of Allowability enclosed with the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed February 24, 2004, is noted.

This Interview Summary Form (1) reports the results of an interview conducted by the Examiner with the undersigned on February 17, 2004; and (2) requires a Statement to be submitted one month from (a) the interview date, or (b) the mailing date of the Interview Summary Form, whichever is later.

In response thereto, Applicants file the following Statement.

The undersigned confirms that during the interview on February 17, 2004, Applicants agreed to incorporate the subject matter of claim 7 into each of claims 1 and 8; moreover, grammatical changes to claims 1 through 3, 5 and 8 were discussed and agreed to, as set forth in the Examiner's Amendment on pages 2 and

3 of the aforementioned Notice of Allowability.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing constitutes the Statement required in the aforementioned Interview Summary Form.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 1021.41200X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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